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ACTIONS OF KLAN ARE CRITICIZED BY K. C. MAYOR

Kansas Man and Organ-
izer Debate Question
Before Churchmen

GRAHAM A DEFENDER

Klan Member Says Slump in
Morals of Nation Need
Bolstering

ROBERTSON IS MENTIONED

Says Oklahoma Governor Has
Done Some Wrong or He
Would Not Fear Klan

By The Associated Press.
KANSAS CITY, Kan., May 7.—

The merits of the Ku-Klux Klan were debated at the London Heights Methodist Episcopal church here this morning by Dr. Harry Graham, pastor, and Mayor Harry B. Burton of this city, an announced opponent of the organization. Doctor Graham pictured the Klan as working for social purity, white supremacy, the welfare of the nation and upholding of the constitution of the United States. Mayor Burton denounced the Klan as an American cowardly and oppressive, and that its members might "better be co-operating unmasked with the law than 'marauding around,' frightening and punishing in defiance of the law."

Morals Have Slumped.

Doctor Graham, who spoke first, said that since the war public morality had slumped greatly and that this let-down in public morals threatened the supremacy of the white race. He said he spoke as a medical man and as a scientist, twenty thousand illegitimate white children were born in the United States in the last year, he said. "There is necessity for someone stopping social degeneracy," he said. "The moral law must be enforced. You must keep your sons and daughters off the streets."

"The man who does not keep his marriage home is not a citizen. There isn't a secret service in the world as large as this one. Thousands of eyes are watching your every move. We have been criticized for secrecy. That is all right. Secrecy was essential to the preservation of Christianity in the early days of Roman persecution."

"Our organization upholds the tenets of the Christian religion, stands for white supremacy, better relations between capital and labor, pure womanhood, the prevention of mob violence, the prevention of strikes caused by foreign labor agitators, and upholding the constitution of the United States."

"Some things have been said against us by Governor Robertson of Oklahoma. If he hadn't done something wrong he would not fear the Klan. When he comes up for trial in June 200 klansmen will act as his bodyguard."

"They have never been able to connect the Ku-Klux Klan with any criminal act. The papers didn't publish the facts about Ingelwood, Cal."

"Calls It Un-American. Mayor Burton began by announcing that he had never requested membership in the Ku-Klux Klan and never expected to do so. He said he had been invited to sign a card applying for membership, and had declined."

"Un-American. An organization absolutely un-American, just the way you put anything," the mayor declared, asserting that the supremacy of the white race was a matter to be decided by its own actions, that there was no guaranty of "white supremacy" in the constitution of the United States, which guaranteed equal rights to persons of all colors and of all religious beliefs."

"The Ku-Klux, the mayor asserted, has leveled its activities against the Roman Catholic, the Jew, the alien and the negro."

"Regardless of how you feel about it, white supremacy is unconstitutional," he said, declaring also that the constitution was dedicated to religious freedom."

"If these people would teach their members to exercise the right to vote, to take an intelligent interest in civic citizenship, they would do far more good than they are accomplishing with all these rites and mystery, the mayor asserted."

"Right to Day in Court. These people say that congress has no power. That is not true. Congress is the supreme power and finally dropped the investigation. It never inducted the Ku-Klux Klan. Incidentally, it was brought out in the investigation before congress that the \$10 initiation fee exacted from new members, 14 goes to the organizer, \$5 to the national organization and \$1 to the 'imperial wizard.'"

"No matter what you think of some of the persons who have been punished, they have a right to their day in court."

All-Night Tour Of Dance Halls Leads to Death

NEW YORK, May 7.—An all-night taxi-cab tour of Hoboken's cafe and dance halls by two young couples ended in a tragedy early today when one of the quartet, Mrs. Margaret Gallagher, 18, of this city, jumped from the ferry boat Lackawanna in the Hudson river and was drowned. Several hours afterward, Thomas Cassidy, 18, who said he had been Mrs. Gallagher's companion, walked into a police station and declared she made the leap after a quarrel with him.

Mrs. Gallagher, a bride of a few months, had been separated from her husband, the police were told.

According to Cassidy's story, she reproached him on the boat, saying, "You do not love me any more," and before he could reply, she brushed past him and made the fatal leap.

WILL LECTURE ON 'HOME BEAUTIFUL'

Mrs. Chase Begins Series
of Talks at Conven-
tion Hall

IN MODEL APARTMENT

Merchants Co-operate With
The World in 'Better
Homes' Exposition

Today's Program

1 o'clock to 2, pipe organ concert.
2 o'clock, introduction of Mrs. Florence Austin Chase by Mrs. W. N. Sill.
2:10 o'clock, Home beautiful lecture, "Building the Color Scheme," with chart illustration. Domestic science talk and demonstration, "The value of the salad in the diet, illustrating salads and salad dressings."

This afternoon at 1 o'clock the doors of convention hall will be thrown open for the first lecture of the series that comprise The World's Better Homes Exposition and Cooking School to be given by Mrs. Florence Austin Chase of Chicago.

Everything is in readiness for the exposition. Business men of the city who are co-operating with The World in making possible for the women of eastern Oklahoma to take this short course in home economics, have their displays and exhibits in readiness for visitors. The model apartment that is fitted up on the stage and in which Mrs. Chase will work is being finished this morning and by 1 o'clock the last arrangement will have been made and the last exhibit in place.

Mrs. Chase, who has been in Tulsa since Saturday, is completing details of her plans for her work, which she will begin at 1 o'clock in the white kitchen this afternoon. It will be with a background of a perfectly appointed home.

For the entertainment of The World's guests for the hour between 1 and 2 o'clock when the audience is assembling, E. C. Legg will give a pipe organ concert. This afternoon the organist will play an overture, "Silvia Tenebris" by Roberts, a selection from Kern's "Sally," a tone poem, "A Japanese Sunset" by Depen, "Valse Mexicaine" by Martinez, and "Lorraine" by Ganne.

ROBBER IS IDENTIFIED

Young Killed at Choctaw While At-
tempting to Enter Store Was
Citizen of Lawton.

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 7.—The young man who was killed early Friday morning by county officers, while attempting to rob the Ellis store at Choctaw has been identified as Roy E. Detrick of Lawton, according to a statement given out by the sheriff's office.

The dead man was discharged from the army at Fort Sill about six months ago and on March 18 was discharged from the Comanche jail, where he was held on a charge of forgery. It was said at the sheriff's office, however, that the man was charged with the robbery of the store at Choctaw.

County officers have abandoned their idea that the young man was working in the county records on the day of the attempted robbery of the store.

Oil Company Liabilities. The Mid-Co Petroleum company and the Mid-Co Gasoline company of Tulsa now in the federal bankruptcy courts, filed their schedules and assets and liabilities today. The petroleum company listed \$6,895,964.40 in liabilities and \$10,917,294.81 in assets. The gasoline company scheduled \$3,670,337 in liabilities and \$2,819,408.38 in assets.

Veteran Chaplain Dies. HOUSTON, May 7.—Rev. S. H. Blair, chaplain of the Trans-Mississippi division of the United Confederate Veterans, died at the home of his daughter here today. Rev. Blair was born April 14, 1840, in Cherokee county, Alabama.

RAILROADS SHOW ASSESSMENT IS NOT EQUITABLE

County Tax Rates Vary
Greatly Over State
of Oklahoma

RAIL TAXES OPPOSED

Actual Value as Basis Means
Almost One-Third of Low
County Assessment

BOARD PRESENTS DEFENSE

Admits Figures May Be Cor-
rect; Has No Funds to
Equalize the Counties

Special to The World.

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 7.—One of the most interesting and valuable statistical exhibits ever presented in the state was that of the railroads dealing with the percentage of actual value of real estate in Oklahoma as compared with the assessed value. Many estimates have been made heretofore, since figures on this subject are always in demand; but the state has never provided sufficient funds to make a survey in detail.

Consequently, when the railroad assessments were attacked some time ago by local newspapers it was considered of sufficient importance to justify the state in conducting an actual investigation of assessed valuations throughout the state.

In accordance with this determination, a large corps of valuation experts were taken from the valuation departments of all the railroads doing business in the state, and after several weeks investigating the records in various counties they were able to present an exhibit on real estate assessments in each of the counties in the state, based upon the actual transfers, with the consideration shown by the records, covering the three-year period of 1919, 1920 and 1921. It was stated that the figures covered every transfer of real estate made during that period, except those of "nominal consideration," and the result is a showing altogether favorable to the railroads in the matter of comparison.

Assessments Not Fair. The equalization board has taken the position that while it is evident that the railroads are not assessed on a fair basis, the law provides it shall be the fault of the county assessors and not the state board; and that the board cannot redress the railroads' property but must assess it at cash value. The board also claims it has no authority to raise the valuations in the various counties but can only equalize as between them. While this may be true, the exhibit shows that the board has not thus equalized as between the counties, for the percentage runs from 33.4 per cent in Adair to 64.1 per cent in Ellis county. In other words, real estate in Adair county has been assessed at nearly two-thirds its value, while in Ellis county it has been assessed at nearly two-thirds its value. It is presumed, under the law of the state, to all be assessed at the same value. The board has had no information of this character to guide it in equalizing county assessments, nor any funds provided with which to secure it; therefore, the equalization has been impossible, and inequalities in taxation on the same class of property in various counties of the state have been very marked. The state board, having original jurisdiction in the assessment of railroad property, is presumed to assess it at cash value, and if it does so there is created an inequality in taxation as compared to other classes of property assessed on an ad valorem basis, which results, the railroads claim, in violating the clause in the constitution which provides that all classes of property shall be taxed alike for the same purposes.

Railroads File Protest. In presenting their exhibits to the board of equalization during the hearing conducted several days of the past week, the railroads filed a protest against discrimination in assessment of property within the state. They did not ask, specifically, that their assessment be lowered or that the assessment of real estate be raised; but left the showing of discrimination with the board of equalization, demanding that their property receive the same valuation in relation to its actual cash value as all other property in the state. The board took no action in the matter, but adjourned the hearing to May 15. Meanwhile, the exhibit will be analyzed, and an attempt made to steer around the problem of discrimination with the board that unless the railroads can be satisfied in the matter they will go into the courts, armed with volumes of statistics and records from assessments in all counties in the state, and resist the collection of all taxes until an adjustment is secured. The valuation experts, having finished with real estate, are now working in the county records on valuations of personal property. It is considered the most important situation.

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THE WEATHER

TULSA, May 7.—(Continued.) 33, minimum 18, south wind, cloudy.
OKLAHOMA: Monday, probably showers, Tuesday, fairly cloudy.
KANSAS: Monday, cloudy and somewhat unsettled; Tuesday, probably showers, slightly warmer; Wednesday, showers, slightly warmer; Friday, showers.

Rail Labor Board Begins Another Nation-Wide Wage Scale Adjustment Today

Commission Facing Its Most Difficult Problem Because
Industrial Conditions Are Approaching Normal; Basis the Big Question.

CHICAGO, May 7.—Deliberations on another nationwide railroad wage adjustment are to be begun tomorrow by the United States railroad labor board when it takes up consideration of testimony presented in the recent hearing in which the railroads asked for a general 10 per cent wage decrease.

The board faces in these deliberations, what some of its members call the most difficult wage problem that has come before it in its two years' activities. They say that with economic and industrial conditions approaching normal, the board must set up a scale of wages which will form a more or less stable foundation for the future, and repudiate the "peace-time railroad industry."

Both previous wage decisions, the \$600,000,000 award of 1920 and the subsequent 12 1/2 per cent cut in 1921 were based on war and post-war conditions, admittedly not normal.

In the hearing just ended the plan of the 204 roads before the board was generally to make a clean sweep of the 1920 award by knocking off the nominal 10 per cent increase, restoring the wages in effect in May, 1920. Practically all the roads admit they would be satisfied with such a decision by the board, although various roads made different proposals in presenting their testimony at the April hearing.

Varying from a request for a blanket cut in the present rates, to western roads suggested using the

business cost cut.

Actual cost of the routine business of the government, the president declared in his letter of transmission to Chairman Madden, has been reduced by \$37,500,000, or which sum \$250,000,000 may be credited to more efficient and economical administration of the government's business.

Presenting figures that "will fully convey to congress the helpful results attending the inauguration of a more efficient system" the president said:

"It will be noted that expenditures of the government for the current fiscal year, ending June 30, 1922, after eliminating the estimates for the public debt, operations in capital funds and similar accounts which tend to confuse our understanding of the actual cost of the routine business of government, there has been a reduction in the expenditures of administration over the outlay for 1921 of \$257,500,000."

Gratifying Figures. "These highly gratifying figures relate to reduced expenditures which come under the influence of executive pressure, and do not include \$700,000,000 of other reductions, which are not related to the routine business of government, but which are the result of reduction of \$257,500,000, the director of the budget detailed \$250,134,250.65 as the sum representing the savings economies which may be fairly accounted to the new system of administration and the expenditure commitments throughout the various departments to effect a more efficient and economical administration of the government's business. Of this sum \$12,000,000 of savings represents postponed construction and maintenance which will probably be unnecessary under the reduced program of next year."

Less Than Estimates. "It affords an interesting comparison to note that the expenditures for the current fiscal year were estimated last December by the director of budget at \$2,967,922,366 and that the actual expenditures will be \$2,550,236,715, less than that estimate. With this reduction the expenditures for the year will be \$3,322,372,039, which is approximately \$1,400,000,000 less than the actual outlay for the preceding fiscal year."

"It is not dependable to estimate savings and economies wholly on the figures presented to congress, in making an appropriation. Economies and savings must of necessity be brought about through administration."

The pressure for reduced expenditures and increased economies resulted in an estimated reserve, last August, out of the appropriation for the current fiscal year of over \$112,000,000 and continued pressure since that time has raised this reserve to approximately \$115,000,000, notwithstanding a reappropriation by congress of over \$7,000,000 of the original reserve.

This reveals the possibilities of the widespread administrative commitment to reduce the cost of routine government business. On the whole I believe the congress will find the operation of the newly adopted methods to be highly gratifying, not only in having brought about reductions in expenditure in accordance with the manifest wishes of congress in reduced appropriations, but in revealing the possibilities of large savings through still more efficient methods in the future, thus conveying to the people the determination of those in authority to operate the government effectively at the least possible cost to make the government's full contribution to a return to the normal way of peace and ultimately lifting the excessive burden of taxation."

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OPENING PROGRAM FOR THE WORLD'S BETTER HOMES EXPOSITION AND COOKING SCHOOL

MONDAY, MAY 8

1:00 p. m.—The doors of Convention Hall will be thrown open to the public.

1:15 to 1:45 p. m.—Specially selected program of good music.

2:00 p. m.—Introduction of Mrs. Florence Austin Chase, the noted domestic science expert who is to conduct this exposition for The World, by Mrs. W. N. Sill, president of the Y. W. C. A.

2:10 p. m.—Demonstration and lecture by Mrs. Florence Austin Chase.

Part 1.—Home beautiful, building the color scheme, with chart illustrations.

Part 2.—Domestic science talk and demonstration on the value of the salad in the dietary. Illustrated with salads, salad dressings, and salad accompaniments.

U. S. EXPENSES HAVE BEEN CUT DOWN A BILLION

Dawes Report Shows Big
Saving to Nation the
Present Year

WILL PRESENT TODAY

Harding Has Figures to Show
Budget Bureau Has Made
Economies Possible

SAVINGS RUN INTO MILLIONS

Efficiency in Administration
of Government One of
Big Items Listed

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Governor

ment expenditures for 1922 will be approximately \$1,600,000,000 less than the actual outlay for the preceding year, congress will be informed tomorrow by President Harding in transmitting the report of Director Dawes of the budget on economies and savings in governmental business.

The report of Director Dawes, made public tonight for the White House, is for submission to the house appropriations committee in connection with a pending resolution by Representative Byrnes, democrat, Tennessee, asking the president to inform the house in what ways direct savings of \$22,000,000 and indirect savings of \$104,000,000 are previously announced by the president to have been accomplished by the budget bureau during its first six months of operation, had been made.

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Ballew Funeral Is Postponed to Tuesday Morning

ATMORRE, May 7.—Rainy weather today caused a postponement of the funeral of Bud Ballew, buried in the old days of the southwest as one of its truest and bravest fighters and men, recently fallen as a police officer, who was slain by Chief of Police J. W. McMorris at Wichita Falls last Friday. The services, which were to have been held at Lone Grove, has not been near here, were put off until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Ballew's body is now at Lone Grove and tomorrow he will be laid to rest in the grave of his father, Rev. J. E. Young, a life-long friend of Bud, will deliver the funeral sermon and the ceremonies will be in charge of the Rev. Arch Manning, judge to which Ballew belonged.

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ONE DEAD, FIVE WOUNDED DURING ATLANTA RIOTS

Four Whites and One Negro
Shot in Railroad
Yard Battle

ROCKS WERE THROWN

Blacks Open Fire When White
Employees Get Best of Ar-
guments With Stones

TEXAS RIOTS THREATENED

Negroes Gather to Revenge
Burning of Confessed
Ravishers of Girl

OFFICER STOPS TWO HI-JACKERS

Grant Tucker Arrests
Youths in Act of
Robbing Pair

DOCTOR ONE VICTIM

Police Characters Put Hands
in Air and Drop Loot as
Sergeant Arrives

LEWIS, Okla., May 7.—A

Watson, 18, is dead, two other white men and one negro are believed to be wounded fatally and two others were injured seriously as the result of a riot in the yard office of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railroad here this afternoon.

The shooting resulted from a battle between several negro employees of the railroad and a number of white men, officials stated. Charlie Hunt, a negro porter, was reproached by the white men for working for the road during the strike, police asserted, and when he answered impudently, the rock battle resulted.

All of the shooting was done by the negroes, officers stated. Two negroes and several white men are under arrest.

REPORT NEGROES' THREAT TO WIFE OF THE TOWN.

WACO, Texas, May 7.—An assembly of about three hundred negroes from the county surrounding Kirvin dispersed this afternoon without giving any reason for gathering. The negroes were unarmed. The city marshal at Waco said the whole county around Kirvin was stirred by the report from Corsicana. The three negroes were burned following a man hunt in which 600 men took part.

PORT WORTH, Texas, May 7.—In a long distance conversation with the Associated Press correspondent at 9:15 o'clock tonight the manager of the telephone exchange at Kirvin, Texas, said that the mob of 300 negroes, reported marching to Kirvin to "wipe out the town," to avenge the burning of the three negroes there last week, had dispersed and that state troops from Corsicana have gone back to headquarters. The negroes had gathered during the afternoon but dispersed quickly, he said.

KIRVIN, Texas, May 7.—Despite rumors from various towns in this vicinity that armed negroes were marching on the city to avenge the burning to death last Saturday of three negroes accused of the assault and murder of a 17-year-old white girl, the town was quiet tonight with no indication of trouble, according to O. C. King, city marshal.

Marshal King said he investigated several reports of negro gatherings but that in each case these reports proved false.

A religious gathering of three negroes and more negroes near here this afternoon dispersed when a marshal along the highway advised that the meeting might possibly be misconstrued.

A report from Corsicana that 300 negroes were en route here also proved without foundation. City marshals along the highway between Kirvin and Corsicana report that negroes in their respective sections are quiet and that no band of negroes has been seen in this vicinity.

Find Bodies of Two Men on Wrecked Boat

OAKLAND, Cal., May 7.—The bodies of John H. Hamill, wealthy lumberman, and George Anderson, a boatman, were found today entangled in the wreckage of the Alameda county side of San Francisco bay. The body of E. A. Christensen, wealthy shipper and lumberman, the third member of a yacht party, had not been found early tonight.

BULLETIN

CHICAGO, May 7.—Rioting fire to blankets and tearing their banks apart, 150 prisoners in the Cook county jail rioted tonight. A new order limiting the prisoners' right to receive visitors to once instead of twice a week is said to have incensed them. At midnight the violence was reported to be increasing.

The riot started on the fourth tier. Flaming blankets were flung to the ground floor. Dense smoke almost suffocated many inmates. With steel strips and wooden slats torn from their bunks, the prisoners beat upon the bars of their cells, the bedlam being heard for blocks.

Capt. Wesley Westbrook, warden, instructed that no immediate steps be taken to quell the excitement, evidently believing that the violence would end with the exhaustion of the insurgents.

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